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As an interior designer who has worked in the field for 15 years, received CIDQ certification in 2018 and has worked in other states with title acts, it is past due for Oregon to recognize Interior Design as a profession. We work hard to not only beautify spaces, but to keep people safe, coordinate systems and champion accessibility and sustainability on every project. Interior Design is one of the most people focused professions and we need clients and end users to trust that we have the knowledge, skills and drive to keep learning to make spaces better. At the very least, a title legal elevates individuals who have dedicated time and passion to their craft in order to become certified and maintain that certification. Interior designers have always worked hand in hand with architects and recognizing our profession in no way harms that relationship. Many states have similar legislation and it only improves the mutual respect and understanding between our fields and while working with contractors, engineers and consultants. The ability to stamp and seal our own non-structural interiors projects would be a game changer for smaller business and larger firms alike. When we have proven our expertise with certification, being able to stamp and seal drawings will aid in projects timelines and allow interior designers to take a larger share in the responsibility for producing clear and concise contract documents and give smaller firms a chance to grow. Please pass this bill to bring light to our profession and recognize the efforts of the interior design community in Oregon.